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IN THE OFFICE OF THE UTAH STATE ENGINEER UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONSTO APPROPRIATE NO. A76676 (WATER RIGHT NO. 14-118) FILED BY THE CENTRAL IRON COUNTY WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

PROTEST OF SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY.

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 73-3-7 and UAC R655-6-5.5, the Southern Nevada Water Authority ("SNWA") hereby protests the above-described Application to Appropriate Water filed by the Central Iron County Water Conservancy District (the "Applicant"). SNWA states the following in support of its protest of the subject Application to Appropriate:

- 1. SNWA was organized in 1991 to address water resource needs of southern

 Nevada. SNWA's members consists of the Cities of Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and

 North Las Vegas and the Clark County Water Reclamation District, the Las Vegas Valley Water

 District, and the Big Bend Water District.
- 2. The water resources managed by SNWA for the benefit of its member agencies include water from Lake Mead and various rights to underground water in Nevada.
- 3. Application No. A76676 (Water Right No. 14-118) seeks rights to 15,000 acrefeet from 10 wells to be located in Pine Valley, Beaver County. The Applicant proposes to use 56 acre-feet for stockwatering and 14,944 acre-feet for municipal use.